



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending May 24, 2009.

General

Last week started off dry, but rain showers once again moved back into some parts of the state over the weekend. The reporting station at North Little Rock received the most rain with 3.1 inches by week's end. The break between rain showers gave producers 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 51 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 52 percent adequate and 48 percent surplus. All of the weather stations reported cooler than normal temperatures last week, with the station at Warren reaching as low as 6 degrees below normal. Low temperatures ranged from 40 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville and Calico Rock to 51 degrees Fahrenheit at Brinkley, Marianna, and Pine Bluff. High temperatures ranged from 81 degrees Fahrenheit at Batesville and Hot Springs to 88 degrees Fahrenheit at Keiser.

Crops

Dry weather during the early part of last week allowed producers to get into the fields and make some progress planting and applying fertilizer and herbicides to their row crops. Replanting of crops was also occurring throughout the state as stands were affected by the recent wet weather. Corn producers nearly finished planting their crop last week and 5 percent was left to emerge. Corn condition was 3 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Cotton farmers planted an additional 30 percent of the crop to reach 69 percent planted, 18 percent behind 2008 and 22 percent behind the five-year average. Cotton emerged increased 14 percent to reach 38 percent, 24 percent behind last year and 37 percent behind the five-year average. Rice growers were 7 percent and 14 percent behind last year and the five-year average, respectively, as they reached 81 percent planted by week's end. Rice emerged, at 67 percent, was 2 percent behind 2008 and 20 percent behind the five-year average. Rice condition declined slightly as the percent of rice reported in very poor and poor condition increased 3 percent from last week. Sorghum producers planted an additional 12 percent of the crop last week to reach 88 percent planted, 1 percent behind last year and 5 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum emerged increased 11 percent from last week to reach 73 percent, 8 percent ahead of last year but 10 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum condition also declined last week as the percent of sorghum found in very poor and poor condition increased 6 percent from last week. Soybean farmers made some progress in planting their crop as an additional 11 percent of the soybean crop was planted by the end of the week, 2 percent behind last year and 25 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans emerged, at 25 percent, was even with last year but 20 percent behind the five-year average. Winter wheat producers just began harvesting their crop last week as winter wheat remained in mostly fair to good condition.

Livestock

Livestock continued to be in fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops were in fair to good condition, and there were reports of some producers beginning to cut hay last week.

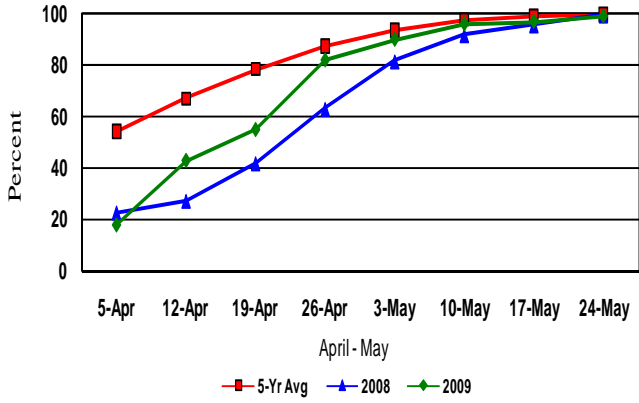
Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	99	97	99	100
	Emerged	95	90	95	98
Cotton	Planted	69	39	87	91
	Emerged	38	24	62	75
Rice	Planted	81	68	88	95
	Emerged	67	56	69	87
Sorghum	Planted	88	76	89	93
	Emerged	73	62	65	83
Soybeans	Planted	37	26	39	62
	Emerged	25	18	25	45
Winter Wheat	Harvested	1	0	0	2

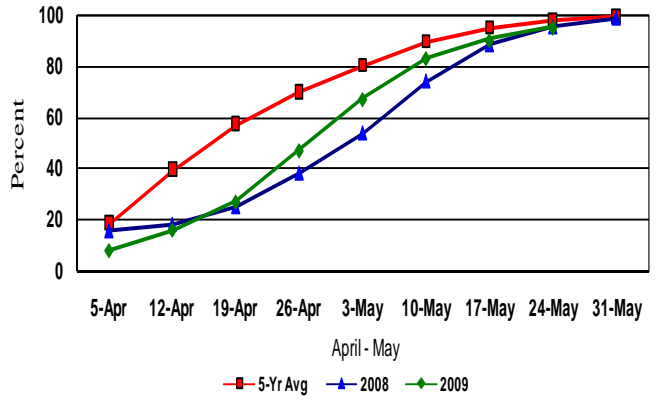
Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	20	42	31	4
Rice	2	17	42	33	6
Sorghum	1	14	55	26	4
Winter Wheat	5	15	37	39	4
Hay-Alfalfa	0	5	25	62	8
Hay-Other	0	4	32	52	12
Pasture and Range	0	2	26	53	19

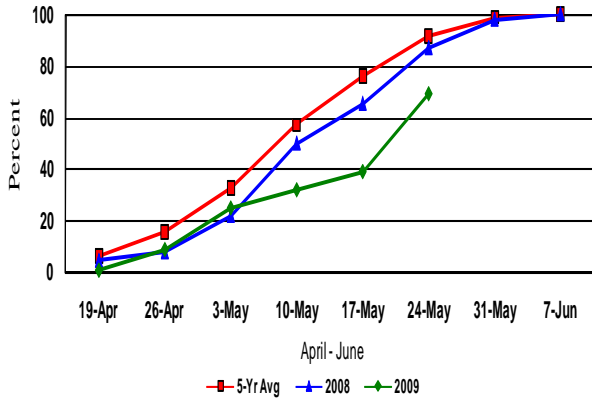
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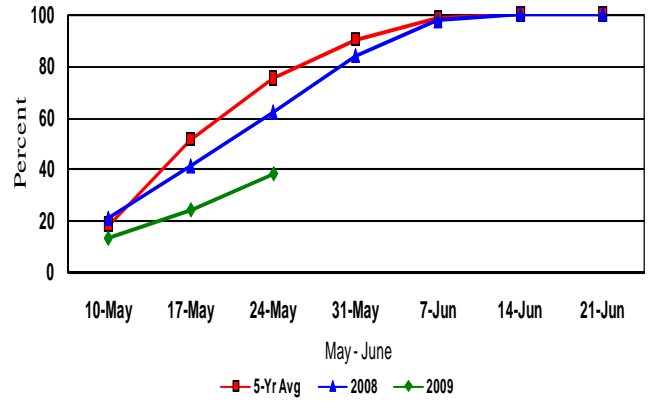
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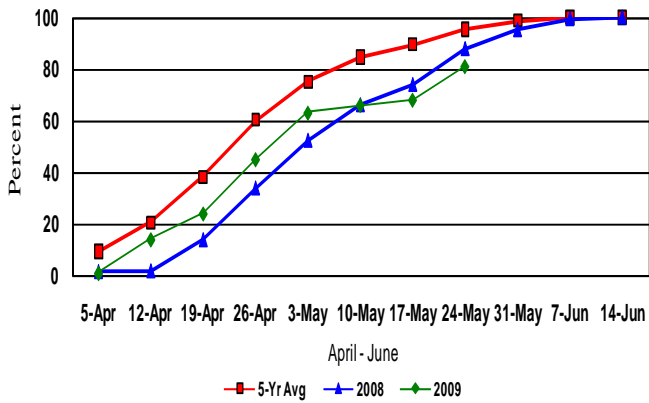
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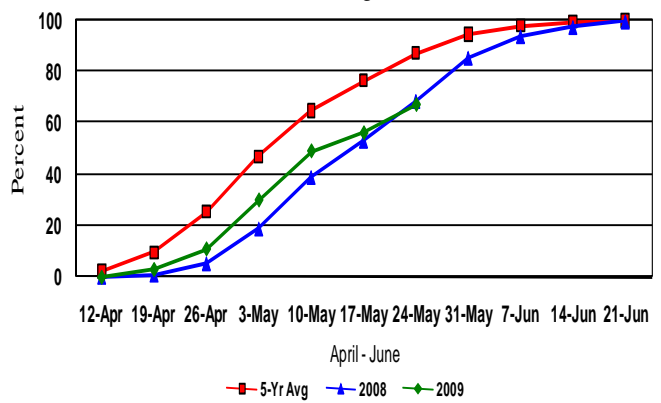
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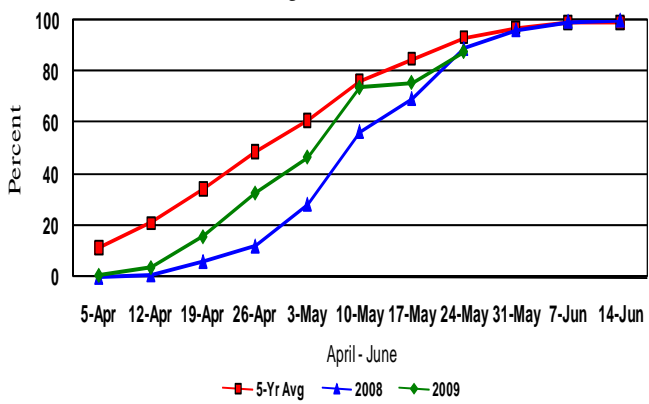
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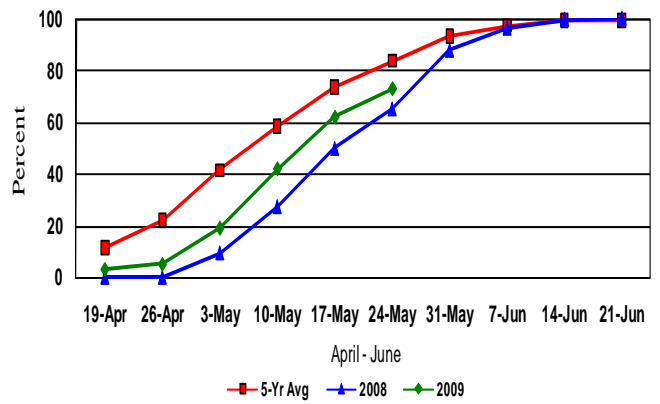
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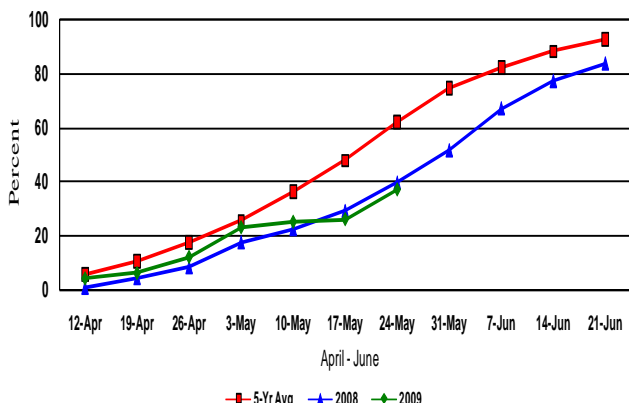
Sorghum Planted



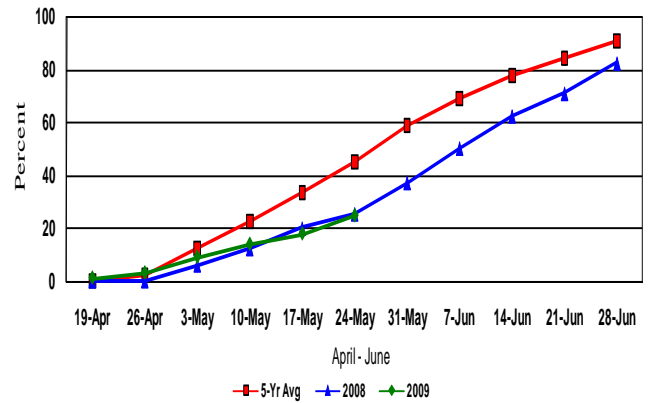
Sorghum Emerged



Soybeans Planted



Soybeans Emerged



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending May 24

District	Station	Temperatures			Wk Ending May 24	Rainfall			
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *		4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	84	40	-2	0.95	7.61	4.42	21.59	17.11
	Harrison	82	41	-2	1.00	6.65	4.42	20.09	17.71
N. Central	Calico Rock	82	40	-4	0.83	7.61	4.39	22.23	18.88
	Gilbert	82	41	-4	1.41	5.92	4.60	19.62	18.12
	Greers Ferry	82	46	-2	0.25	11.00	4.63	23.42	21.27
	Mtn. Home	83	45	-1	0.90	6.13	4.33	20.23	18.41
Northeast	Batesville	81	43	-4	1.40	10.80	4.50	24.30	20.08
	Blytheville	85	48	-2	2.25	11.68	4.81	24.83	21.98
	Jonesboro	86	48	-1	2.77	12.61	4.60	27.77	20.56
	Keiser	88	48	-1	2.42	9.41	5.09	25.29	22.03
	Newport	85	49	-2	2.10	11.67	4.38	28.55	20.77
W. Central	Booneville	85	43	-5	1.00	12.16	5.15	24.96	19.55
	Clarksville	84	47	-2	0.79	12.17	4.69	25.44	19.07
	Dardanelle	85	44	-3	1.11	11.64	5.05	24.11	19.94
	Ft. Smith	85	49	-2	0.48	9.91	4.69	24.45	17.17
	Mena	84	41	-3	1.40	16.85	5.99	32.40	22.93
	Ozark	84	45	-2	0.53	8.76	4.53	21.78	17.96
Central	Conway	82	47	-4	0.80	13.74	4.21	33.66	20.15
	Hot Springs	81	46	-5	2.47	15.68	5.77	32.77	23.67
	Little Rock	85	49	-3	2.55	14.14	4.72	27.77	21.68
	Morrilton	83	46	-4	1.62	14.49	4.66	30.95	19.92
	N. Little Rock	84	50	-4	3.10	15.64	5.00	30.17	21.20
E. Central	Brinkley	84	51	-3	1.10	12.34	5.24	27.62	22.54
	Marianna	84	51	-2	2.01	12.80	4.92	29.48	23.57
	Stuttgart	86	50	-3	2.62	11.27	4.75	29.32	22.06
	West Memphis	85	49	-1	1.57	8.38	4.64	23.35	23.66
Southwest	DeQueen	85	45	-2	0.14	13.15	5.52	21.12	22.49
	Hope	84	46	-4	0.18	15.45	4.42	30.98	22.21
	Texarkana	83	48	-5	0.23	10.11	3.78	22.72	18.57
S. Central	Camden	84	46	-4	0.36	12.81	4.20	27.12	22.51
	El Dorado	85	46	-4	0.29	8.56	4.85	21.07	23.56
	Warren	82	47	-6	1.37	18.12	4.27	34.67	24.75
Southeast	Eudora	87	50	-3	1.23	12.35	5.12	26.80	27.73
	Monticello	85	47	-4	1.77	12.94	4.37	26.27	24.90
	Pine Bluff	85	51	-3	1.23	10.67	4.62	26.85	22.85
	Rohwer	83	50	-5	1.44	11.04	4.42	25.27	23.96

* Departure from normal = $\frac{\text{high} - \text{low}}{2}$ - 30 year average

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